

THE MONGREL ALLIANCE

POPULISTS DISSATISFIED WITH THE
NEW CHAIRMAN.

**SOME MISTAKES OF MARION BUTLER—GOLD
MINE OWNERS IN THE SILVER MOVEMENT
AND WHY THEY ARE THERE.**

St. Louis, July 27.—To-night there was a re-

mixed that a considerable number of the leading men in both organizations had remained over to "hold conferences," and to debate the calm which succeeded a week of frenzy and madness the policy most likely to lead the thr

light. There has been absolutely no result. Last night and this afternoon Chairman Mark Butler of the new Populist committee, had good many callers at his room in the Lind Hotel—Democrats, Populists and Silverites. There was a great deal of talk, and it was little else than talk. Some of the Democrats sought to enlist his influence toward getting Watson to withdraw and leave the field clear for Sewall, but the North Carolina Senator treated these suggestions in a spirit of humor and headed retulence. The Democratic "treason"

Secretary R. E. Diffenderfer, of the new Southern National Committee, who hails from Philadelphia, said to The Tribune correspondent today: "We had to throw Dr. Mott overboard last winter in Washington. Martin Butler took

head the Silver party; that he was the 'Iron Duke' of North Carolina, an ideal leader and man to tie to.

MOTT AN "IRON FLUKE"

"Instead of an 'Iron Duke,' he is an 'iron fluke.' He is utterly incompetent. And it was four necessary to take the management of the late Convention almost entirely out of his hands. We hold Butler responsible for Mott, and not that Taubenecker has been turned down, and

Populist Committee, we would be little surprised if the Populist brethren have the experience over again with him that we have had with Motley. They seem to be two of a kind."

Frederick Bailey, Editor of "The Oklahoma

headquarters in St. Louis and worked un-
ingly in the Nebraska's interest, said: "But-
ler is a trimmer and a trickster. Nobody has
confidence in him. The South had the majority
of States, though it does not cast a majority
votes, and they thought an efficient Northern
man should be sacrificed to place a Southerner
in the saddle. Taubeneck was slaughtered to make
way for Butler. If there is any advantage to be
gained by this stroke I fail to see it. The elec-
tion of Senator Butler as chairman of our Na-

These are two sample utterances. Different is one of the smartest of the Silver delegates in the late Convention. In the old Pennsylvania Greenback days he had much to do with the movement that sent *Bruner to Congress*, and he is considerable of a politician. He thinks the North Carolina school of leadership either Populist or Silverite, a sorry lot. Bailey not a serehead, but he thinks, as a practical politician, that his fellow-Populists could not possibly have made worse use of their opportunities and that their crowning folly was to elect *Marshall Butler* as head of the National Committee. Butler, he says, thinks of locating the Populist campaign headquarters in Washington, and this, in his opinion, would be contrary to precedent, and altogether unwise, because, for one thing,

would lose to the cause the influence which is a
ways exerted locally by a National political
headquarters. If Butler carries the headquarters
to Washington an important advantage will be
lost.

GOLD-CRUSTED SILVER LEADER.

Chairman Charles D. Lane, of the new Silver
Committee, who succeeded Dr. Mott, held quite a
levee at his room in the Southern Hotel there
this afternoon. Mr. Lane is a gold-mine owner
whose acetations run up into the millions. He
is a title owner in the famous Utica mine in
Calaveras County, California, which James C.
Fair sold seven years ago for a mere song be-
cause he found out its real worth. Colonel "Tommy"
Hathaway, who owns a gold mine not far from
Utica, told The Tribune correspondent this after-
noon that Lane's mine produces \$400,000 a
month, and is the best steady producer of an-
gold mine in the world. Mr. Lane is one of the

he has been the object of a good deal of quiet amusement among such shrewd silver men as Jones, of Nevada, and some of the Colorado and Montana gold men who have been conspicuous in the late silver proceedings here. This is not so much because he is identified with the silver movement, for they are in that respect in the same boat with him, but it is rather on account of the reason he gives for seemingly going against his present interests in the choice of his political affiliation. This reason was voiced rather sentimentally this afternoon at the Southern Hotel. The Tribune correspondent

"Isn't it slightly paradoxical for the biggest gold producer in the country to be so stiff and

Mr. Lane replied: "Not at all, sir. I know of nothing to hinder a gold miner from being an American."

among themselves a little sleeve humor which he did not put out to the general public. They shrewdly foresee that in the unsettled financial and industrial conditions which would follow the success of silver, the country would be in a position to take advantage of the situation, and the value of gold would be much enhanced, and their personal interests accordingly improved. It may therefore turn out to be politics on their part of the long-headed orler. There are a number of men here who had the presence to think of this phase of the Western silver movement and to become more or less puzzled thereat. The mining interest, especially the Nevada mining interest, reported the silver platform, are all most wholly identified with gold.

SILVER MEN TO BE AT MADISON SQUARE.

Personally, Mr. Lane is a tall, plain man, somewhat heavily featured. He has an iron-

and speaks aphorisms in his conversation with the virility and distinctiveness that gave individuality and fame to William Allen and "Zach" Chandler. He went to St. Louis photographing at 12 o'clock to-day with Mr. Doud, late editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and returned with a couple of negatives made for use in the Silver campaign. He will have the Silver headquarters decorated with the "Zach" trademark.

N. Stephens, of Denver, vice chairman of the Denver National Committee, will have charge. Most of the Silver Square performance early in August, at Madison Square, Mr. Bryan will do the star act, with the Democratic and Silverite Notification Committees as superes.

Among Mr. Lane's callers this afternoon was General James B. Weaver, of Iowa. General Weaver said to The Tribune correspondent that he would be the writer of a company with "Cyrenus" Davis, General Workman Sovereign and two or three others, to make a few speeches in the Alabama State Convention, which closes